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State of Cybersecurity



Dear Friends,

Rhode Island may be small, but we have a growing cybersecurity community to be proud of. Across the state, there are businesses, non-profits, and academic institutions dedicated to strengthening our network defenses and teaching cybersecurity best practices to Rhode Islanders. As part of [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#), I embarked on a week-long tour to learn more about efforts from key members of the local cybersecurity community to keep us safe online.

I toured the [Community College of Rhode Island's Cyber Range](#), a classroom that provides students with a hands-on learning environment for training. Programs like the Cyber Range and P-TECH will prepare students for jobs in one of the most challenging and critical career fields in the world today.

Part of raising cybersecurity awareness is increasing understanding of the dangers that arise in a society that is increasingly connected to the Internet. While touring the [Rhode Island State Police](#)

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Save The Date

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

*Annual ceremony and
ribbon cutting celebration
for RI's new Veterans
Home!*

Saturday, November 11
12:30pm
480 Metacom Ave, Bristol

Did You Know...?

WILD AND SCENIC

The Pawcatuck River is being restored to its natural state thanks to collaboration between state and federal environmental agencies. >>

FAST FACT

November is National Family Caregivers Month – a time to celebrate the dedication and hard work of caregivers. >>

In Other News

MEDALS OF SERVICE

[Computer Crimes Unit](#), I was updated on the state's efforts to combat cybercrime and assist business owners in protecting themselves. A component of these efforts is the work done by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which deploys a wide range of tactics to investigate and prosecute individuals who use the Internet to exploit children.

Another increasingly difficult challenge for individuals is knowing how to navigate cyberspace safely. To help Rhode Islanders protect their online information, I joined State Senator Lou DiPalma for his first annual Cyber Hygiene Event to promote safe habits online. In the wake of breaches – like Equifax that affected as many 145 million Americans – it's important for consumers to know practical ways to protect themselves.

My cybersecurity tour provided me with insight on how our state is combating cyber threats and becoming a leader in cybersecurity. I hope you will look to my office as a resource if you have questions about how to stay safe online – please give us a call at (401) 732-9400.

Keep up with my efforts on cybersecurity and many other issues through [my website](#) and [blog](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Climate Security Is National Security

In commemoration of the 5th anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, federal, state, and local officials gathered to highlight recovery efforts from the storm and ways climate change is fueling such disasters. Beyond the environmental and economic effects, [I detailed my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act](#) that requires the Department of Defense to assess climate change as a national security threat. We must take a holistic view of the warming climate if we are going to stay resilient.

Rep. Langevin presented medals to a U.S. Navy veteran for his service during World War II. >>

INVESTIGATION INDICTMENTS

Rep. Langevin responded to the indictment of former Trump campaign officials. >>

HELPING OUR IMMIGRANTS

Rep. Langevin joined the Rhode Island Delegation in announcing \$250,000 to assist permanent residents in becoming US citizens. >>

GUN GIVEAWAY

During debate on the Defense Authorization, Rep. Langevin offered a motion to oppose the transfer of Army pistols to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. >>

#LASVEGASSTRONG

Rep. Langevin condemned the mass shooting in Las Vegas, the deadliest by an individual in the country's history. >>

FURTHERING EDUCATION

Rep. Langevin applauded Rhode Island College for winning a \$1.1 million grant that will provide opportunities for disadvantaged students to pursue doctoral studies. >>

PROTECT OUR CARE

Rep. Langevin opposed the President's destabilizing Executive Order ending cost sharing reductions under the ACA. >>



Manufacturing Momentum

Rhode Island was once a hub for manufacturers and while the industry has faced many challenges in recent decades, there is a resurgence in the state. In honor of Rhode Island Manufacturing Month, I toured local manufacturers – including Jade Manufacturing, Lotuff Leather, Mearthane Products Corporation and Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence – and met with their dedicated employees. More manufacturers are opening in the Ocean State, and it's wonderful to see the industry's revival.

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